GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2166
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KIDNAP OF HINDUS IN PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many men and women of Hindu community are being kidnapped in Southern Sindh province of Pakistan in order to force them out of that country as reported in the Times of India dated September 23, 2005;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any protest has been lodged by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Pakistan thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) - (d) The Pakistani press has been carrying reports of violence against citizens of Pakistan from minority groups, including Hindus. The annual reports of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), a reputed Pakistan based NGO, have also highlighted violence against Hindus in Sindh and other parts of Pakistan. The HRCP report for 2003 said that the number of reported cases of violence against Hindus as well as an expansion in discrimination against them, resulted in a distinct worsening in their plight over the year. HRCP in its report of 2004 stated that the Hindu community, based mainly in Sindh, faced discrimination under the law, as did all minority groups. They also faced incidents of violence.